

of contents for chapter 83 of that title, are repealed.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate will today give final approval to legislation I introduced to curb the availability of false identification via the Internet.

Let me thank my many colleagues in both the House and Senate for their hard work in moving this measure quickly through the legislative process. In particular, I appreciate the support and assistance of Chairman HENRY HYDE of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as the work of Congressman HOWARD COBLE, Congressman HOWARD BERMAN, Congressman JOHN CONYERS, and Congressman BILL MCCOLLUM. In addition to their efforts, I want to praise the strong support of Congressman MARK GREEN, who introduced a similar bill in the House. Enactment of this bill would not have been possible without the consistent support of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator HATCH, as well as the assistance of Senators KYL, LEAHY, FEINSTEIN, and DURBIN.

The bill before the Senate today will make important improvements in our laws against the distribution and use of false identification. As I found during a lengthy investigation of the availability of false identification on the Internet, our current laws have done little to stop a growing Internet market in every imaginable type of false identification. Whether via e-mail or from a Web site with a name such as thefakeidshop.com, everything from birth certificates, to Social Security cards, to driver's licenses, are being sold or traded through the ease of cyberspace.

Testimony before the Subcommittee on Investigations demonstrated that the availability of false identification documents from the Internet is a growing problem. Special Agent David Myers, Identification Fraud Coordinator of the State of Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, testified that two years ago only one percent of false identification documents came from the Internet. Last year, he testified, a little less than five percent came from the Internet. Now he estimates that about 30 percent of the false identification documents he seizes comes from the Internet. He predicts that by next year his unit will find at least 60 to 70 percent of the false identification documents they seize will come from the Internet.

S. 2924 will put a stop to this widespread distribution of false identification, which can be used to commit identity theft, to facilitate serious financial crimes, and to facilitate the underage purchase of alcohol and tobacco. The new law will make clear

that it is a crime to transfer false identification documents by electronic means, and that those documents can be in the form of computer files, discs, or templates.

I expect strong action by law enforcement agencies to enforce both the existing provisions of title 18, section 1028, and the expanded authority provided by this legislation. The intent of S. 2924 is simple and clear—to stop those who use the Internet to sell, distribute, or make available false identification.

I am pleased that the new law will make it a crime to place false identification, regardless of its format, on an on-line location. Thus, the posting of such tools as scanned false identification documents or templates of state driver's licenses on Web sites will, without doubt, be illegal.

Mr. President, I am pleased that the House retained the provisions that will establish a coordinating committee to concentrate resources of federal agencies on investigating and prosecuting the creation of false identification. This multi-agency effort should draw on the resources of several agencies to investigate and prosecute those who engage in the production and transfer of false identification of any type. I urge the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to involve all agencies that can assist in curbing the use of false identification.

The House also approved another important portion of the Senate bill—the elimination of a section of law that unfortunately allowed criminals to manufacture, distribute, or sell counterfeit identification documents by using easily removable disclaimers as part of an attempt to shield the illegal conduct from prosecution through a bogus claim of “novelty.” No longer will it be acceptable to provide computer templates of government-issued identification containing an easily removable layer saying that it is not a government document.

I thank my colleagues for their support of this important legislation.

COMPUTER CRIME ENFORCEMENT ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2816.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2816) to establish a grant program to permit State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

H.R. 2816, THE COMPUTER CRIME ENFORCEMENT ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is passing the

Computer Crime Enforcement Act, which is now headed to President Clinton for his signature into law. I introduced the Senate version of this bill, S. 1314, on July 1, 1999, with Senator DEWINE and is now also co-sponsored by Senators ROBB, HATCH and ABRAHAM. This legislation also passed the Senate as part of H.R. 46, the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act. I thank my colleagues for their hard work on the Computer Crime Enforcement Act, especially Representative MATT SALMON, the House sponsor.

The information age is filled with unlimited potential for good, but it also creates a variety of new challenges for law enforcement. A recent survey by the FBI and the Computer Security Institute found that 62 percent of information security professionals reported computer security breaches in the past year. These breaches in computer security resulted in financial losses of more than \$120 million from fraud, theft of information, sabotage, computer viruses, and stolen laptops. Computer crime has become a multi-billion dollar problem.

The Computer Crime Enforcement Act is intended to help states and local agencies in fighting computer crime. All 50 states have now enacted tough computer crime control laws. They establish a firm groundwork for electronic commerce, an increasingly important sector of the nation's economy.

Unfortunately, too many state and local law enforcement agencies are struggling to afford the high cost of enforcing their state computer crime statutes.

Earlier this year, I released a survey on computer crime in Vermont. My office surveyed 54 law enforcement agencies in Vermont—43 police departments and 11 State's attorney offices—on their experience investigating and prosecuting computer crimes. The survey found that more than half of these Vermont law enforcement agencies encounter computer crime, with many police departments and state's attorney offices handling 2 to 5 computer crimes per month.

Despite this documented need, far too many law enforcement agencies in Vermont cannot afford the cost of policing against computer crimes. Indeed, my survey found that 98 percent of the responding Vermont law enforcement agencies do not have funds dedicated for use in computer crime enforcement. My survey also found that few law enforcement officers in Vermont are properly trained in investigating computer crimes and analyzing cyber-evidence.

According to my survey, 83 percent of responding law enforcement agencies in Vermont do not employ officers properly trained in computer crime investigative techniques. Moreover, my survey found that 52 percent of the law enforcement agencies that handle one

or more computer crimes per month cited their lack of training as a problem encountered during investigations. Without the necessary education, training and technical support, our law enforcement officers are and will continue to be hamstrung in their efforts to crack down on computer crimes.

I crafted the Computer Crime Enforcement Act, S. 1314, to address this problem. The bill would authorize a \$25 million Department of Justice grant program to help states prevent and prosecute computer crime. Grants under our bipartisan bill may be used to provide education, training, and enforcement programs for local law enforcement officers and prosecutors in the rapidly growing field of computer criminal justice. Our legislation has been endorsed by the Information Technology Association of America and the Fraternal Order of Police. This is an important bipartisan effort to provide our state and local partners in crime-fighting with the resources they need to address computer crime.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2816) was read the third time and passed.

THANKING OUR CREATOR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I want to publicly state I think we ought to thank our Creator for giving us the opportunity to serve in this body, and to have a period of time like we have just come through, where I have been able to speak for people of different nationalities, different tongues, who have come to our country and sought freedom and an opportunity to work for themselves, so that they will now be able to continue that work. It really is, to me, a very significant day. To be able to accomplish this is very much a humbling experience.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Mr. STEVENS. I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 446.

There being no objection, at 8:03 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 15, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ISLAM A. SIDDIQUI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS, VICE MICHAEL V. DUNN.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EDWIN A. LEVINE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE DAVID GARDINER, RESIGNED.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SARAH MCCracken FOX, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2005, VICE STUART E. WEISBERG, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JULIE E. SAMUELS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, VICE JEREMY TRAVIS, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate December 15, 2000:

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

ERIC D. EBERHARD, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2002.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

BARBARA W. SNELLING, OF VERMONT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001.

MARC E. LELAND, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2003.

HARRIET M. ZIMMERMAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2003.

HOLLY J. BURKHALTER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

DONALD J. SUTHERLAND, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 11, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ARTHUR C. CAMPBELL, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

ELLA WONG-RUSINKO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRMAN OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD A. BOUCHER, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (PUBLIC AFFAIRS).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

LISA GAYLE ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. RUTH MARTHA THOMAS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. JONATHAN TALISMAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EVERETT L. MOSLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GORDON S. HEDDELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MARK D. GEARAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

MARK S. WRIGHTON, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LESLIE BETH KRAMERICH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

SEYMOUR MARTIN LIPSET, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001.

STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LUIS J. LAUREDO, OF FLORIDA, TO BE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

RUST MACPHERSON DEMING, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA.

RONALD D. GODARD, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA.

MICHAEL J. SENKO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI.

HOWARD FRANKLIN JETER, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

LAWRENCE GEORGE ROSSIN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

BRIAN DEAN CURRAN, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BARRY EDWARD CARTER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

MARGRETHE LUNDSAGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

LISA GAYLE ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

CLAUDE A. ALLEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 2005.

WILLIE GRACE CAMPBELL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 2005.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

MICHAEL PRESCOTT GOLDWATER, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 13, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ROBERT S. LARUSSA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE. MARJORY E. SEARING, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

JOHN M. REICH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

FREDERICK G. SLABACH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2005.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

BETTY F. BUMPERS, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001.

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BARBARA W. SNELLING, OF VERMONT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001.